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Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

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FEE CALCULATION

1. BASIC FILING FEE

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106 320	206 160	Design filing fee	
107 490	207 245	Plant filing fee	
108 710	208 355	Reissue filing fee	
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2. EXTRA CLAIM FEES

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			-20** =	X =
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Large Entity Fee Code (\$)	Small Entity Fee Code (\$)	Fee Description
103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 80	202 40	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 270	204 135	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 80	209 40	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

SUBTOTAL (2) (\$)

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105	130	205	65 Surcharge - late filing fee or oath	
127	50	227	25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet	
139	130	139	130 Non-English specification	
147	2,520	147	2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
112	920*	112	920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action	
113	1,840*	113	1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action	
115	110	215	55 Extension for reply within first month	110.00
116	390	216	195 Extension for reply within second month	
117	890	217	445 Extension for reply within third month	
118	1,390	218	695 Extension for reply within fourth month	
128	1,890	228	945 Extension for reply within fifth month	
119	310	219	155 Notice of Appeal	
120	310	220	155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal	
121	270	221	135 Request for oral hearing	
138	1,510	138	1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140	110	240	55 Petition to revive - unavoidable	
141	1,240	241	620 Petition to revive - unintentional	
142	1,240	242	620 Utility issue fee (or reissue)	
143	440	243	220 Design issue fee	
144	600	244	300 Plant issue fee	
122	130	122	130 Petitions to the Commissioner	
123	50	123	50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q)	
126	180	126	180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt	
581	40	581	40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties)	
146	710	246	355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a))	
149	710	249	355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b))	
179	710	279	355 Request for Continued Examination (RCE)	
169	900	169	900 Request for expedited examination of a design application	
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PATENT
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In Re Application of:

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Serial No.: 09/457,177

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METHOD OF MAKING MICROPOROUS
FILTER MEMBRANE AND SEPARATOR
EMPLOYING MICROPOROUS FILTER
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of November 2, 2000, and subject to traverse, Applicant elects to prosecute claims 1-30 and 102 in the present application, reserving the right to file divisional applications for the other claims.

Additionally, subject to the reconsideration requested below, Applicant elects the species 1, Figure 4, in the event no generic claim is allowable. The claims readable on the structure shown in Figure 4 are claim 1-4, 6-10, 13-27 and 102.

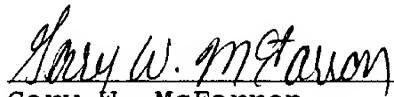
Applicant respectfully points out the following matters with respect to the Examiner's requirement of election as between the structure of Figure 4 and the structures of Figures 5 and 6.

First, it should be pointed out that Figure 4 does not illustrate the structure of claim 5, as suggested on page 3 of the Office Action. Claim 5 requires a support layer of at least two sublayers, which structure is depicted, for example, in Figure 7 and not in Figure 4. Further, all of the claims that read on the structure of Figure 4 also read on the structures of Figures 5 and 6. Accordingly, it may be more efficient to examine both of the structures of Figures 4, 5 and 6 at the same time.

This response is being filed within one month after the due date set forth in the Office Action. Accordingly, a one month extension of time is requested and a check for the appropriate fee is enclosed.

If it is determined that any additional fees are required, please charge Deposit Account No. 50/1039.

Respectfully submitted,



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